

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-394-T - ORDER NO. 2020-272

APRIL 7, 2020

IN RE: Application of The Moving Gurus LLC for a)	ORDER GRANTING
Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of)	CLASS E CERTIFICATE
Public Convenience and Necessity for)	WITH STATEWIDE
Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier)	AUTHORITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of The Moving Gurus LLC (“Applicant” or “The Moving Gurus”) for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPC&N”). Applicant seeks a CPC&N with authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-132 on January 10, 2020. No third parties intervened.

A hearing on the Application was held on March 25, 2020. Consistent with Governor McMaster’s Executive Order 2020-11, the hearing was held electronically by Skype and telephone in order to keep the persons involved physically separated due to the Novel Coronavirus Pandemic presently afflicting the country. In all other respects, the hearing was held in the same manner as any other; the witness was sworn, and the proceedings were recorded.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Charles L.A. Terreni, Esquire, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by Jenny R. Pittman,

Esquire. The ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose The Moving Gurus' Application.

The Moving Gurus called its President, Michael Wright as a witness. Mr. Wright is the sole member and organizer of The Moving Gurus. Mr. Wright is a graduate of Clemson University, with a bachelor's degree in engineering. He holds an unlimited commercial builder's license and is the owner of several small businesses.

Mr. Wright believes South Carolina's rapid population growth will provide an opportunity for his household goods moving business. Mr. Wright plans to reach customers by advertising in newspapers, social media outlets, and by word of mouth. Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Mr. Wright also testified that there are no complaints or judgments against him or The Moving Gurus; he has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services and has adequate financial resources. The Moving Gurus has obtained appropriate insurance, with limits exceeding the required amounts. Applicant certified that it is familiar with and will comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Mr. Wright testified The Moving Gurus has purchased a truck and has three employees, including an operations manager with experience in the moving industry. Mr. Wright plans to grow the business gradually over the next five years, adding trucks, and possibly expanding in other locations. Applicant will use the tariff and bill of lading filed with the Commission on March 25, 2020.

On February 11, 2020, Applicant moved to present shipper witness testimony by affidavit. The Commission granted this request by Order No. 2020-13-H. Applicant offered the shipper witness affidavit testimony of Leland (Eddie) Burch. Mr. Burch, a real estate broker with 14 years of experience in South Carolina, testified South Carolina's housing market is strong. Mr. Burch is frequently asked to recommend movers of household goods, and it can be difficult to find qualified movers who are hardworking and ethical. Aff. ¶ 4. Mr. Burch also stated that he knows Mr. Wright to be honest, dependable, professional, and conscientious in all his business endeavors. Aff. ¶ 6.

ORS did not prefile testimony but submitted a letter to the Commission on March 19, 2020, stating that ORS "is of the opinion that the Applicant will meet the requirements of fit, willing and able as required of a Household Goods Mover under the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133 (2012)."

The Commission finds The Moving Gurus has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Regs. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by existing authorized services. Therefore, The Moving Gurus' Application for statewide authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of The Moving Gurus LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.

2. The final Tariff and Bill of Lading are approved and attached hereto as Order Exhibit 1.

3. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-10 et. seq., as amended, and by S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, and S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

4. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 et seq., and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

5. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.

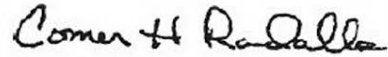
6. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.

7. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the

Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.

8. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:



Jocelyn Boyd, Chief Clerk/Executive Director